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OURSELVES.

The growing indiscipline and the lack of *esprit de corps* among the youth of this country have been engaging the attention of all the educationists, Government offiicials and others for a long time. Everyone is striving hard to strike at the root of the growing calousness among the youth. Elsewhere in this issue, we are publishing Gen. Cariappa's views on the necessity of training the youth in order to shape them into good leaders of our country. He rightly emphasises that there is every need to-day for restricting the number of youth organisations in our country and to make Scouting, Guiding, Rover Scouting and Rangering compulsory in all the schools and colleges.

The Madras Government have also recognised the need for spreading Scouting and Guiding at the village levels and they have approved of a scheme of enabling the Panchayat Unions to give adequate grants for conducting Cubmasters' and Scoutmasters' Training camps. These schemes are being implemented all over the State. The success of these schemes depends largely on the rank and file of the Scout and Guide Movement. It is our earnest hope that every one in the movement in this State will try his or her best to spread Good Scouting and Guiding.

FLOOD RELIEF :

The havoc perpetrated by the devastating floods in this State has become a major problem to tackle. Thousands of people have been rendered homeless and are at the mercy of nature. Such occassions for rendering useful service are few and far between and Scouts and Guides at Tanjore do not lag behind. Reports are being received at the State Headquarters about the enthusiastic and yeomen service rendered by our Scouts and Guides at the various flood affected areas. These young boys and girls under the guidance of their able leaders go from home to home collecting rice, clothes, and anything that could be offered to the victims of the flood, to afford them a little relief. We pray God to give these young boys and girls greater strength to render unstinted and useful service to the unfortunate families.

CAMPING CENTRES :

Every District abounds in beautiful spots for camping and hiking. It would be worthwhile if these centres are catalogued in order to enable the Scouters and Guiders to plan their camps and hikes successfully. The District Commissioners, Scouters and Guiders may send intimation to the State Headquarters giving details of fine camping centres in their areas which they may come across during their visits. Such reports may contain details of the area of camping site, exact location, availability of facilities at the centre etc. These reports will be published in the State Bulletin and the Scouters and Guiders may make best use of them by planning their camps and hikes. It is likely that such information may encourage Scout and Guide Troops to venture into neighbouring districts for a good outdoor programme.

HOME, TRAINING GROUND FOR BADGES

S. R. RAMACHANDRAN,
Head Surveyor. Slum Improvement Division,
Corporation of Madras.

Earning proficiency badges is a great fun for Scouts and Guides. How I cherish in my memory the sweet school days of my working for them in my Scout group. Yes, it is really earning the Proficiency Badge. But it is working and earning without any drudgery or monotony. It is great fun.

I have been one of those selected by South Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides Association as an examiner for a number of Proficiency Badges including Handyman. It is added joy for me to test these young kids in the various badges.

JOY FOR OTHERS TO SHARE :

Recently I was encountering a small incident to an officer of the Scout Association. He felt exhilarated and wanted me to record my joy for others to share. Hence this article.

The real purpose of asking a Scout to earn, for instance, Handyman badge is to make him handy and useful to his Home first, to the institution he belongs next and to the Community at large. This real purpose should never be lost sight of. The Scout should be handy wherever he is and the spirit of the test should be well understood first by the boy himself, though many of the items enumerated in the A.P.R.O. are unsuited to an average Indian boy, yet the criterion of judging him should always be whether he is handy in his own surroundings.

PARENT–A VITAL LINK :

I invariably visit the boy's or girl's houses to ascertain whether he or she has been handy at all in his or her own house. For it is one's house that is a training ground for this badge. A boy or girl should get through this test if he or she had been attending to many of the items of tests that have been listed out in the A. P. R. O. in

his own house. Which parent suddenly seeing his children taking lively interest in their own house, will not feel proud of? Such a parent will be a vital link to the movement.

For all these tests I enlist the active participation of either of the parent. During my visits, to my surprise I have discovered many of my friends whom I have never met for ages as parents of the candidates.

ADULTS' ROLE IN BOY MOVEMENT:

Many of those parents who have looked on Scouting as a waste of time and money have become converts and have had the opportunity to study closely the adult's role in this Boy Movement and how Scouters spend sacrificing their time and money for the cause they have undertaken.

Once, a parent whose boy appeared for the Electrician badge, remarked "I am surprised, are such things taught and practised in Scouting? Are you elders also in the scheme of Scouting? What a blunder? I thought it was merely a boys' show, making themselves merry." I told him that Scouting is just a boys' show with adults' judicious participation.

MURDER IN THE KITCHEN!

By Kumari C. John. S. O. C. (Guides)

Guides, "When you peal, throw away, smash, soak and cook to death fresh living foods you are guilty of murder" says Mrs. Philip, the Nutrition Specialist. "God sends good foods, but the devil sends bad cooks" she adds.

So why not before the Jubilee year speeds past be good cooks and win the Cooks Badge? While you are working for the 2nd Class Tests, have an eye on the Proficiency Badges you have to win for the First Class. You will find the first one is the Cooks Badge, followed by Needle-woman and Child Nurse Badges.

HAPPY HOMES HAPPY WORLD.

These Proficiencv Badges have certainly not been laid down by the Founder, merely for decoration for Guides' Uniform. In B.-P.'s last message to the Guides, he says Guides are to bring happiness to the world by "making happy homes" Happy homes mean happy world—but remember the whole world marches on its stomach. So don't be murderers in the Kitchen. Remember you are the Home Makers and Home Ministers

Every Guide Company should have a copy of the A. P. R. O. Parts I & III (available at State Headquarters for Rs. 1.15 nP. each)

TESTS FOR COOKS' BADGE :

1. Be able to light a fire and make a cooking place with logs, brick or mud.

2. Show knowledge of washing up utensils, boards etc., and how to protect food from flies, ants, cockroaches, and understand the reasons for boiling milk and drinking water.

3. Be able to cook the following (one or more to be chosen from any two or more groups by the examiner).

(a) Rice and two curries (fish, meat, or vegetable). Meat and fish, roasted (in chattis, degchis or hot ashes or on oven) fried, boiled or stwed.

OR

Cook potatoes and two other vegetables by the same methods as above.

(b) Pastries, scones and Oat cakes.

OR

Chapattis, or equivalent made with flour or atta.

(c) Puddings, Milk, suet or any steamed or boiled pudding and stewed fruit (dried or fresh)

OR

Beverages. Tea, Coffee and any two cold drinks.

such as lemonades and tamarind water.

Section 3 must be prepared at the examination.

Guides! you will find the tests for a good number of the Proficiency badges within easy reach of the Guides. Draw their attention to the 74 Proficiency badge Tests illustrated in A.P.R.O. Part III between pages 27 and 77.

SO GO AHEAD—BEST WISHES.

Think Constructively — What am I doing ? What am I going to do ? What should I, as a Scouter, try to do ?

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No human beings have ever-made or will ever make, exactly the same journey in life...........Every human life is a unique adventure.

—Air Arthur Keith

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Don't let us go down as the generation which could have remade human history and failed to even imagine the wonder of the task.

PROGRESSIVE SCOUT WORK IN PANCHAYATS.

T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner

The Executive Committee of the Bharat Scouts and Guides met on July 8, 1961 and passed the report of the Sub-Committee for reorganisation of Scouting through Panchayat Union Councils in the Districts and the splitting of Madras City into eight Local Association areas with two District Commissioners one for the North Madras and another for the South Madras. The report will be placed before the State Council which is scheduled to meet on September, 30, 1961.

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The Panchayat Union of the Uthukottai Block has provided Rs. 1,000/- in their budget for scout work and have requested the Bharat Scouts and Guides to conduct a Cubmasters Camp for their Teachers between September 18 and September 24, 1961. The resolution of the Panchayat Union is as follows:

1961-ஆம் ஆண்டு ஜூன் மாதம் 26-ஆந் தேதி திங்கட்கிழமை மாலை 2-மணிக்கு ஊத்து கோட்டை வட்டார பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் மன்றத்தின் சாதாரணக் கூட்டம் தலைவர் தலைமையில் பெரிய பாளையத்திலுள்ள பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் தற்காலிக கூட்ட மன்றத்தில் கூடி நிறைவேற்றிய நடவடிக்கைகள்.

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வட ஆற்காடு மாவட்டம் வேலூர் சாரணர் இயக்க கூட்டு அமைப்பு ஆணையாளர் அவர்களின் ந. மு. எண் 1061, தேதி 13-6-61-ந் தேதிய கடிதத்தில் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளபடி ஊத்து கோட்டை பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் ஆரம்பப் பள்ளிகளின் சாரணர் இயக்கம் நடவடிக்கைகளை விஸ்தரிக்கவும், ஆரம்பப்பள்ளி ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி அளிக்கவும் மேற்படி பயிற்சியாளர்களுக்கு செலவாகும் தொகை ரூபாய் 1000/- பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் நிதியிலிருந்து செலவு செய்தல் பற்றி தீர்மானித்தல்.

தீர்மானம்—II

ரூபாய் 1,000/-க்கு அனுமதிஅளிக்கப்பட்டது.

(ஒப்பம்) கே. பாலசுப்பிரமணியம்,
தலைவர்
பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் கவுன்சில்
ஊத்துக்கோட்டை.

A Local Association will be formed early at that place.

The Panchayat Union of Thirukalukundram has similarly provided funds in their budget. A Cubmasters' camp will be held from July 17 to July 23, 1961 at Mahabalipuram. Flock Leaders Camp will follow.

The Poonamallee Panchayat Union has already conducted a Cubmasters Camp out of funds provided by the Union from June 25, to July 4, 1961 and a Flock Leaders Camp is being arranged..

Sriperumbudur, Trivellore and Kadambathur Panchayat Unions are expected to run Cubmasters Camps in the month of August and Poondi in the month of September. Local Associations will be formed in all the above blocks as soon as the camps are over.

The other Panchayat Unions which have not already budgeted for Scouting in their expenditure are requested to do so and induce their Councils to sanction the amounts by passing resolutions on the lines of the Uthukottai resolution quoted above and arrange for the formation of a Local Association and arrange Camps early.

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TO ALL THE COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARIES:

STATE HEADQUARTERS' TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"SCOUTGUIDE" MADRAS

We have registered with the Post and Telegraphs, our telegraphic abbreviated word "SCOUTGUIDE". All telegrams to the State Headquarters may hereafter be addressed as follows.

SCOUTGUIDE, Madras.

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY
Honorary State Secretary

PLAN FOR THE PANCHAYATS

Sri R. Messiah Doss, D.C.C., Jt. State Organising Commissioner

Panchayat Raj is the order of the day in our Country. Government is being carried on by the people through Panchayat Union Councils and Municipalities. All the elementary schools have come under the control of the Panchayat Unions. The Government is anxious of the growing disorderliness in the student population and wants to prevent the same by giving a little more impetus to the Scout Movement. By so doing, they definitely feel that much of the indiscipline found among students can be prevented and national energy diverted to constructive fields of work. Further Rural Development and Community Development Projects focus their attention on youth's disciplined life and well being. So the Government after examining the problems consider that scout associations and Scouting may be appropriately organised by Panchayat Unions as they have control over these schools staff and block funds.*

SCOUTING IN FULL MEASURE.

To fall in line with the recommendations of the Government and to introduce Scouting in a full and effective manner in the Panchayat Union areas the State Executive Committee of the Bharat Scouts and Guides at its meeting held on July 8, 1961 accepted the report of its special sub-committee of which Dr V. Krishnamurthy, District Commissioner (Scouts), South Arcot District is the Convener and have recommended the report for the consideration and adoption at the State Council Meeting which will be held on September 30, 1961.

Our Organising Commissioners have already started organising scouting at Panchayat Union Councils. As a result of their endeavours the FIRST TRAINING CAMP for Cubmasters was organised and conducted from June 28 to July 4, 1961 at Camp Tonakela, Avadi, for the Poonamallee Panchayat Union, the entire expenditure having been met by the Panchayat Union Council. Sri L. Sreeraman, A. D. C. C. was in charge and he was supported by Sri M. Ram Mohan and Sri R. Messiah Doss, Joint State Organising Commissioners, during the first and second halves respectively. Subsequent training camps are to be conducted one by one at Mahabalipuram (Chingleput District), Tirumangalam (Madurai District), Arcot (North Arcot District), Uthukottai (Chingleput District) and Ootacamund (Nilgiri District) in the coming weeks.

When all these recommendations are implemented it is hoped that there will be greater scope and initiative for an increased participation of the parents, public and officers at various levels and the long looked for development of Scouting and Guiding in the villages will be an accomplished fact at no distant date.

* Vide Memorandum No. 88222—T5/60—3, dated 11th August 1960 and Memorandum No. 47596—2—E 8, dated 23rd May 1961 Rural Development - Education and Public Health Department.

HURRAH FOR THE 'COWGIRLS' OF 1909!

Hurrah for Alison Greenlees! It is alright, Lord Baden Powel started the game of Scouting for Boys - But what about the girls? Had it not been for Patrol Leaders like Alison Greenlees—(the writer of the following article) there would not have been any Guide at all.

It is a great privilege for us today to get a glimpse of the early days from one of the girls herself who caught up INSPIRATION from the great Scout himself.

It is now a greater inspiration for us today to find that the 1909 P. L. has so kept up the inspiration even after 50 years that we find her leading her country - as President of the Girl Guide Association in Scotland

Now read the article of Alison Greenlees, President. Council for Scotland, Girl Guides Association, entitled "Looking Back and Looking Forward The Cuckoo Patrol".

—*Editor.*

I REMEMBER so well at the age of 11, bicycling to the village shop to collect my copy of Scouting for Boys. then being published in fortnightly parts.

Looking back, I know that the whole of my life has been influenced by this inspiration which our Founder gave to the world, and which we now call Scouting and Guiding.

I also remember so vividly the day when I met for the first time the hero of my childhood-Sir Robert Baden-Powel. He came to Glasgow about 1909 to inspect the Boys' Brigade and as Patrol Leader of the first Patrol of Girl Scouts in Glasgow I had the great honour of being introduced to him. At that time he probably felt that the addition of girls to his Boy Scouts was rather a mixed blessing, but he certainly did not show his feelings to me, it was the moment of my young life.

From the time I read Scouting for Boys, I knew, I must be a Scout, so I collected a few friends who were like-minded and we formed ourselves into a Patrol of Girl Scouts. We were adopted by the 1st Glasgow Scout Troop as the Cuckoo Patrol. Indeed we were the cuckoos in the next!

'COWGIRLS'!

It is amusing to remember marching proudly along with the Scout Troop Bugle Band playing ahead and a jeering pack of small boys running behind yelling 'Here come the Cowgirls'! A reference to the Scout hat and three-cornered tie of which we were so proud and which topped the not-so-salubrious navy blue jersey and skirt black stockings and button boots. Our clubroom was a stable loft, and there was a wood nearby, since built over, where we put into practice much that we read of in Scouting for Boys.

The Patrol held two indoor camps - sleeping on mattresses on the floor in exciting but intense discomfort, but surrounded outside by glorious country, ideal for our Scouting games, fire lighting, bridge building, and so on. Another meeting with the Chief Scout which remains clearly in my memory was many years later after the first World War, when I stayed at Pax Hill, the home of our Founder and the Chief Guide.

Wide Interests of the Founder

I shall never forget the warmth of their welcome and the tremendous vitality and wide interests of the Founder. We talked far into the night on many subjects, fishing among them, for this was one of his great hobbies.

One of the many Vivid memories of that evening was the wide stone fireplace and the leaping flames of the log fire, which shone on the keen, wise, understanding face of the man who has influenced the lives of millions of boys and girls all over the world.

—'*The Guider*'

WHERE TO SCOUT?

By Eagle.

The Eagle during its many flights have met many young scouts who have joined the scout troops with great hopes of finding adventure and to their dismay not finding things adventurous have left scouting. Who is to blame? This is a question to the Scoutmasters and the Patrol Leaders. Is all your Scouting done within the four walls of your school? When did your Troop go out on a Tracking game or a wide game? Did your Patrol go out on a hike say about a couple of miles when your scouts did some compass work or map sketching? Perhaps you have forgotten the dates for it was long long ago

Promise of Scouting:

Every boy who becomes a scout puts on his beautiful uniform and looks forward to the grand times ahead, the fun of tracking, firelighting and preparing tea, climbing a little hillock and looking at the other side of the hill, signalling a message to his brother scouts across the plains, camping for the night——all this adding up to Adventure which is the promise of Scouting to every new boy who joins the Scouts. It is the right of the boy when he becomes a member of the Scout Movement to expect high adventure and he has a right to expect Scouting to fulfil its promise to him. Can we blame the boy if after a few months he leaves because the promise of adventure has not been fulfilled? We are losing quite a lot of boys for that very reason.

In big cities like Madras, Madurai and other towns open places are difficult to get at and even those that are available are being built up by housing projects to provide accommodation for the growing population. It is time that our District and other Associations approach proper authorities to reserve suitable open spaces for the use of boys and girls for outdoor activities so that the Scoutmasters and Patrol Leaders can be effectively helped to keep the adventure in Scouting and retain the many young boys who are leaving the movement

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நிறைவையே நிரப்புக

ஏ. வி. ஜயச்சந்திரன்

இளைஞர்களுக்காக உலகில் எத்தனையோ இயக்கங்கள் உள்ளன. அவற்றில் சாரண இயக்கமும் ஒன்று. எல்லா வாலிபர் இயக்கங்களும் இளைஞர்களின் வளர்ச்சிக்காக அரும்பாடு படுகின்றன. இளைஞர்கள் உடல் வன்மை பெறுவதற்கும், எல்லாத் துறையிலும் முன்னேற்றம் எய்துவதற்கும் அந்த இயக்கங்கள் வழிகோலுகின்றன. ஆனால், சாரணிய இயக்கம் இந்த நோக்கங்களைத் தன்னகத்தே கொண்டுள்ள தோடல்லாமல், மற்றொரு சிறந்த நோக்கத்தையும் நாடுகிறது. இந்தத் தனிப்பெரும் நோக்கத்தால் சாரணியம் மற்றைய இயக்கங் களினும் சிறப்புடைத்தாகிறது. அந்தத் தனிப்பெரும் நோக்கம்தான் சிறுவர்களுடைய உள்ள வளர்ச்சி.

இந்த உன்னத உள்ள வளர்ச்சியால் ஒரு சிறுவன் சிறந்த இளவ லாக உருவாகிறான். உலகத்திலே தனியிடம் பெறுகிறான். அவனது உடல் மட்டும் வீறு பெறுவதன்றி உள்ளமும் மேம்பாடு அடைகிறது.

உள்ள வளர்ச்சிக்காக எவ்வளவோ விதிகளை ஏற்படுத்தியிருக் கிறார்கள். அவ்வளவு அருங்குணங்களும் விளையாட்டின் வாயிலாகச் சிறுவர் அடைகின்றனர்.

அந்த அருமையான விதிகளைப்பற்றிச் சதா சிந்தித்துக் கொண்டே யிருக்கவேண்டும். நம்முடைய பண்டை இலக்கியங்களில், நமது இயக்க முதல்வர் காட்டிச் சென்ற அரும்பெரும் பண்புகள் மிளிர்வதைக் கண்கூடாகக் காணுகிறோம்.

குமரகுருபர அடிகள் ''நீதி நெறி விளக்கம்'' என்றதோர் உயரிய சிறு நூலை இயற்றியுள்ளார். சிறுவர்களின் உள்ளத்தைத் துருவி ஆராய்ந்த பெருஞ்சித்தர் அவர். ஒவ்வொரு இளைஞனுக்கும் தான் புகழ் அடைய வேண்டும், தன்னை நல்லவன், சிறப்புடையவன், வீரன் என்று பிறர் கருதவேண்டும் என்ற எண்ணம் கிளர்ந்தெழும் என்று தெரிந்தவர் அவர். அதனால், ஒரு அழகான முறையையும் வகுத்துப் போந்தார்.

உலகத்திலே எவ்வளவோ பேர்களுடன் அன்றாடம் நாம் நெருங்கிப் பழக வேண்டியுள்ளது. பிறருடன் நெருங்கிப் பழகும்போது அவரவருடைய நடையுடை பாவனைகளை அறிகிறோம். சில குறைபாடுகளையும் பிறரிடம் பார்க்கிறோம். நம் மிடையேகூட குறைபாடுகள் உள்ளன என்று நாம் எளிதில் ஒப்புக்

கொள்ளுவதில்லை. அதைப்பற்றிப் பேசுவதும் இல்லை. ஆனல் பிறருடைய குறைபாடு என்ருல் நமக்குக் கொள்ளை ஆசை அதைப் பற்றிச் சதா பேசிக்கொண்டிருக்க இது உலக இயல்பு. இதைத்தான் செய்யக் கூடாது என்று குமரகுருபர அடிகள் கூறுகிருர். பின் எதைப் பேசவேண்டும்? பிறருடைய நிறைவுகளைப் பற்றிப் பேச வேண்டும்; அவர்களுடைய சிறந்த குணங்களைப் பற்றிப் பேச வேண்டும். அது ஒருவேளை நம்மை உயர்ந்த நிலைக்குக் கொண்டு வரும் என்று கூறுகிருர்.

இப்போது அடிகளாரின் அருள்மொழி என்ன என்பதைப் பார்க் கலாம்.

"பிறராற் பெருஞ்சுட்டு வேண்டுவான் யாண்டு
மறவாமே நோற்பதொன் றுண்டு—பிறர் பிறர்
சீரெல்லாந் தூற்றிச் சிறுமை புறங் காத்து
யார் யார்க்குந் தாழ்ச்சி சொலல்."

SCOUT LITERATURE.

"A new Game every week for Bulbuls of the Tamilnad" by Getsie Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner for Training (Guides).

This book in Tamil written in a lucid language by our talented Headquarters Commissioner for Training (Guides) who had travelled widely around the world and had seen active scouting abroad, is sure to be quite interesting to Guide workers. It contains in all 52 games.

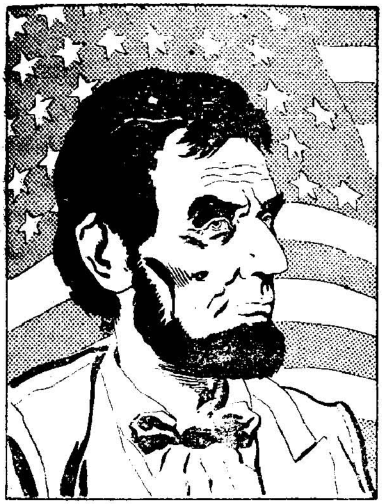
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"Drill by Signs" and "Staff Drill for Scouts" by Sri M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner and Headquarters Commissioner for Training (Scouts). Price : 0.37 nP.

The two books have been translated into chaste tamil and have been published by the Madurai District Bharat Scouts and Guides with attractive illustrations for suitably depicting the various movements. The books should be a "must" in the library of every Scouter and Guider.

உழைப்பின் வெற்றி

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அமெரிக்காவின் 16-வது ஜனாதிபதி அபிரஹாம் லிங்கன். இயற்கையிலேயே பாமர மனிதனிடம் அன்பு பூண்டவர். மக்களுடைய, மக்களால், மக்களுக்காக நடத்தப்படும் அரசாங்கத்திடம் ஈடுபாடு உடையவர். அவர் வாழ்ந்த-மறைந்த விதம் அவருக்கு மனித வர்க்கத்தின் வரலாற்றிலேயே ஒப்பற்ற இடம் தேடித் தந்துள்ளது.

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1809-ல் லிங்கன் பிறந்தார். படிப்பற்ற ஒரு பண்ணைத் தொழிலாளியாக வாழவேண்டியவர் அவர் என்று தோன்றியது. அமெரிக்காவில் அடிமைமுறையை ஒழித்து, அவர் தாமே மனித வர்க்கத்தின் தலை சிறந்த தலைவராக விளங்குவார் என்றோ நிச்சயமாக யாரும் அப்போது எதிர்பார்த்திருக்க முடியாது.



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1800-ல் அமெரிக்கா இளமைப் பருவத்திலிருந்தது; வளர்ந்து வந்தது. அது சுதந்திரம் பெற்றுக்கால் நூற்றுண்டுதான் ஆகியிருந்தது. இந்தக் கரடுமுரடான புதிய பூமியில் தான் லிங்கனின் தந்தை வாழ்க்கை நடத்தமுற்பட்டார்.

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லிங்கனின் தந்தை தச்சு வேலை செய்பவர். அன்புத் தாய் நான்ஸி ஹாங்க்ஸ் அம்மையாரின் அரவணைப்பில்தான் சிறுவன் லிங்கனும், அவனது தங்கையும் வளர்ந்து வந்தனர். பண்ணையைப் பார்த்துக் கொண்டதும் தாய்தான். வாழ்க்கையில் தமக்கு ஆர்வம் ஊட்டியது அன்னையே என்று லிங்கன் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார். "எனது இன்றைய நிலைக்கும், கனவு காணும் எதிர்கால நிலைக்கும் என் அன்னைதான் வழிகாட்டி" என்பது லிங்கன் வாக்கு.



GONE HOME



We regret to record the demise of **Srimathi T. S. KUNJITHAM,** B.A.L.T., District Commissioner (Guides), Corporation District and member of the Executive Committee of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, on Sunday July 30, 1961 at the General Hospital where she was undergoing treatment for a long time.

Srimathi KUNJITHAM belongs to a family known for social service and was an educationist of standing. She joined the Corporation Educational service, and by her hard work she rose to the highest position of Educational Officer in the Corporation. She was associated with the Scout & Guide Movement since 1957 as District Commissioner (Guides). She has brought to bear her personality on essential virtues on every aspect of Scout and Guide work she undertook.

We offer our condolences to the bereaved family.

The State Headquarters remained closed on Monday July 31, as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

Shri T. R. KOTHANDARAM MUDALIAR, Assistant State Commissioner, on behalf of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, placed a wreath on the coffin. Guides of the West Madras District led by their District Commissioner (Guides), **Kumari L. VEDANAYAGAM,** offered their last respects to their departed leader.

—EDITOR.

DISTRICT NEWS

KOVILPATTI

Three Cubmasters Training Courses were conducted for the benefit of the Gramasevak Trainees of the Rural Extension Training Centre at Kallupatti from May 22, to June 9, 1961. 114 Gramasevaks underwent training. The First Course was in-charge of Sri K. S. Sampat, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, Mudis, the Second Course was in-charge of Sri A. Swayambu, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, Tanjore, and the Third Course was in-charge of Sri L. Sreeraman, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, Chingleput. Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs, Sri D. Theodore of Madras, Sri James D. Isaac of Vellore and Scouter T. S. Chandrasekaran of Tanjore assisted in the various courses.

MADRAS CENTRAL

The Central Madras Guides conducted their General Proficiency Competitions for Bulbuls and Guides at Wesley High School, Royapettah on July 8th.

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A training course for the Patrol Leaders and Seconds was Organised by the District Commissioner (Guides), Mrs. Rahmathunnissa Begum, Central Madras, on July 15, 1961. The training was Conducted by Miss C. John, Deputy Camp Chief and State Organising Commissioner (Guides). In all 32 Guides were benefited by this training.

MADURAI

Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Commissioner (Scouts), Madurai, had been to Pachmarhi (Madhya Pradesh) for undergoing Rover Wood Badge Part II Practical course from June 1 to 9, 1961.

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A meeting of Scouters and Guiders was held in honour of the visit of Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts), Madras State, to Madurai on Wednesday the June 21, 1961. Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Commissioner (Scouts) welcomed the guest. Sri M. Rajagopalan, Deputy Camp Chief (Scouts), Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State gave a talk about Scouting in the new set up. The Assistant State Commissoner (Scouts) in his talk dealt with the various questions relating to Scouting and appealed to Scouters to take keen interest in furthering the cause of Scouting in the District. Sri S. Theertham, District Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. The Assistant State Commissioner's visit to Dindgul, Palani, Bodi, Periyakulam and his contact with officers gave some impetus for further development of Scout activities in the district.

A Flock Leaders Training Camp was conducted in Bathe Chattram at Alagarkoil, Madurai, from June 18 to 29, 1961. Miss C. John, Deputy Camp Chief (Guides) and State Organising Commissioner (Guides), Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, assisted by Miss N. Thangam, District Guide Organiser, Kallar Reclamation, Madurai, was in charge of the camp. Twenty-six teachers from Kallar Reclamation Department took part in the Course. Miss R. Rajammal, Inspectress of Girls Schools, Madurai Circle presided over the Visitors' Day of the Camp on June 27, 1961. Sri T. N. Bhuminathan, District Scout Organiser, Madurai, spoke on the occasion. Messrs. T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts), Madras, M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), Madras, S. Theertham, Honorary District Secretary, Madurai, visited the Camp. Sri S. Krishnamachari, B. A., Special Deputy Collector, Kallar Reclamation, Madurai, visited the Camp, encouraged the Campers, and appealed to them to start work in right earnest, soon after they return from the camp.

It is worth special mention that the trainers hail from Kallar Reclamation area, a very backward one. They were so keen that each one paid for the Camp expenses including Camp fee, Registration and Uniform etc.

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Two Executive Committee Meetings of the Madurai District Bharat Scouts and Guides Association were held at Madurai on June 13 and 29. Sri L. Alagusundaram Chettiar, President of the association presided over the meeting.

TANJORE

Scouts and Scouters from the Raja's Free Maratta School, Tanjore, rendered useful Scout service during food distribution to the many thousands of villagers who left their homes due to heavy floods and are taking shelter at the Palace, Tanjore.

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Scouts, Scouters, Guides, and Guiders from Tirukattupalli centre gave a possee of Welcome to Padma Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner (Scouts) on June 28, 1961 when he visited Tirukattupalli in connection with the School Improvement Conference.

TIRUCHIRAPALLI

Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts), visited Tiruchy on June 13, 1961. He met the Scouters in the morning and in the afternoon visited E. R. High School Scout Troop, Hindu Elementary

School, and the National College High School Scout Troop. During his visit the Assistant State Commissioner conferred with the Scouters, Headmasters, District Educational Officer, District Commissioners and discussed with them measures to tone up Scouting in Tiruchi District.

TIRUMANGALAM

The Panchayat Union of Tirumangalam has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 600/- towards the training of 36 of their teachers as Cubmasters. The Local Association at Tirumangalam is making the necessary arrangements for the conduct of a Cubmasters training course in the neighbourhood of Tirumangalam for the training of 36 teachers sometime towards the end of July 1961.

TRAINING CAMPS

Salem District has proposed to run a Scoutmasters' and a Cubmasters' Training camps during the ensuing Michaelmas holidays in September 1961 at the Seshanchavadi Camp-site. The boarding and lodging charges and the camp fee for Scoutmasters' Training will be about Rs. 30/- and that for Cubmasters will be Rs. 25/- All those desirous of taking the training, may send their applications before August 7 to the Honorary District Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, 66A/381, Kanakkar Street, Salem-1 with an advance of Rs. 10/- by Money Order.

HIMALAYA CUB WOOD BADGE.

The Camp Chief (Scouts) India has been pleased to award the Himalaya Cub Wood Badge Parchment No- 149, dated June 29, 1961 to Sri T. S. Chandrasekaran, Scouter, Tanjore, who has successfully completed the Training.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Kindly note the change of address of our Joint State Organising Commissioner (Scouts):

Sri R. MESSIAH DOSS,
Deputy Camp Chief and Joint State Organising Commissioner (Scouts),
Bharat Scouts and Guides,
Scout Headquarters,
Fort Round,
VELLORE (North Arcot District).

STATE COMMISSIONER (SCOUTS) FELICITATED.

Glowing Tributes at Kumbakonam Meeting.

State Commissioner (Scouts), Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu was felicitated at a Rally of all ranks of Scouts and Guides held on June 29, 1961 at the Town High School, Kumbakonam, on the confirment of "PADMA SHRI" by the President of the Indian Union.

Welcoming the State Commissioner (Scouts), Sri K. S. Seshadri, Assistant State Commissioner who presided over the occasion said that the award of "PADMA SHRI" to Sri Sundaravadivelu was an honour which he richly deserved for the manifold and meritorious services done to the cause of Education and Scouting in the State. He added that Sri Sundaravadivelu's passion for Education and Scouting was well known and thanks to his able leadership and guidance to the Scout Movement in this State, it has a glorious record of work to its credit.

Addressing the Rally, Sri Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner (Scouts) said that he considered the conferment of "PADMA SHRI" as an unique honour done to him and the Scouts and Guides of India. He stressed the need for developing a sound mind in a sound body. He added that discipline played an important part in the shaping of the boys and girls as good citizens. He advised the Scouts and Guides to continue to foster the spirit of Scouting and Guiding.

A felicitatory address was read and presented to "PADMA SHRI" Sundaravadivelu by Mr. V. Pichumani, Secretary of the Association. Mr. N. Vijayagopalan, Joint Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. Sri S. R. Srinivasachari, Assistant District Commissioner was in charge of the Rally.

SCOUTING AND GUIDING TO BE MADE COMPULSORY

Discipline, character and sense of duty—Pre-requisite of nation Builders.

By GENERAL CARIAPPA.

In the last months I have spoken about inculcating in youth a sense of discipline and laid special emphasis on the building up of character,

Press reports have not given my reports adequate covering. Take for example the N.C.C. and the various organisations, official and non-official, which are training our youth in discipline. I have been repeating for some time that there are far too many organisations for this purpose.

There is no uniformity of programme. Money and time are being wasted through lack of co-ordination. One could well restrict these organisations to N.C.C. Rifles, Rover Scouts and Rangers, Boy Scouts and Guides.

CLASS FEELING AMONG BOYS:

The introduction of the N.C.C. Rifles has brought about an undesirable "Class Feeling" among students in the same institution. The N.C.C. boys think they are superior to the other groups. This kind of spirit is undesirable.

Incidentally training in the N.C.C. is too elaborate and expensive. The N.C.C. is not our " third line of defence ".

WHAT WE WANT IS AN ORGANISATION TO TEACH OUR BOYS DISCIPLINE, MOULD THEIR CHARACTER, TEACH THEM ESPIRIT DE CORPS, A SENSE OF DUTY, THE VALUE OF TIME, TH DIGNITY OF LABOUR, DEVELOP PHYSICAL AND MORAL TOUGHNESS, SO AS TO PREPARE TO BE GOOD LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY.

Leaders are required not only on the battle fields but also in other spheres, on the food front, on the health front, in education and so on. The N.C.C. Rifles is quite adequate to do the needful.

I would strongly recommend entry into N.C.C. Riflles being made compulsory to boys in all public and private colleges in our country. The N.C.C. as it is today, should be reorganised. I would suggest that Scouting and Guiding be made compulsory for all school-going boys and girls.

College Girls Should be Rangers.

For college girls, I would suggest that membership of "Rangers" be made compulsory. Better uniforms and more privileges would make Rangers look more inviting to the girls.

Some of my public speeches have not been adequately reported. I have never said that our girls should be educated only to be "stenographers".

I HAVE STATED THAT OUR GIRLS WHO ARE FUTURE MOTHERS AND NATION-BUILDERS, ARE TO BE WELL EDUCATED, BUT THERE IS NO NEED FOR THEM TO HAVE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS.

Girls to be Educated to Run A Home.

They should be educated enough to read, write and converse intelligently, to run a happy home, to learn to be good wives and mothers. The standard of home life today is not sufficiently high and this is reflecting on the bringing up of our children.

If I have advised girls to learn shorthand, typing, book-keeping and journalism, it is because this would help them in "fending" for themselves If the occasion rose. I have seen many unfortunate young "widows".

Amazons Not Needed :

Any girl who is a good stenographer or who has learned a trade can always earn her keep. I have urged girls not to join the N.C.C. for the simple reason that girls have a greater sense of discipline and better character than boys By joining the N.C.C. they lose some of their innate charm and the grace of womanhood.

Tom-boys are not desirable. Girls could decidedly benefit by going to college. They could take up the careers they fancied. But we do not want "Amazons" to fight on battle fields. We have quite enough "boys" to do this, but the girls may be taught "unarmed" combat—rifles and or revolver shooting. In exceptional cases of course they may pursue higher studies.

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FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS

Scout and Guide Service.

The District Commissioner (Guides), Tiruchirapalli, Srimathi Rajkumari Rema Devi, undertook a whirlwind tour of the flood affected areas on the banks of River Cauvery. The excerpts from her letter to the State Commissioner (Guides) is reproduced below:

"I also visted all the breach spots and areas which were affected by floods. I found that no girl guide or scout could have rendered physical assistance, Of course, our Rovers helped with night vigilance etc. All there was to do was to block the floods with sand bags day in and day out. Only the Military had the capacity to do this. We have no sea-Scouts to help with rescue operations, and there were no casualities to whom we could render first-aid. The victims are not so badly off as the Tanjore and Kumbakonam people. So you see there is nothing we could have done

"Now, we are on a compaign to collect money, clothes, etc. and send them to the victims. Some of our guides have volunteered to help in the gruel centres......"

"BULBULS DO-A-HELPING GO"

As soon as the Bulbuls of St. Marks Elementary School, Periyamet, West Madras, were told about the flood havoc on their enrolment day, they collected about Rs. 11.00 and a small bundle of clothes for the victims of the flood.

STATE JAMBOREE

Pilot Committee Formed

The State Chief Commissioner has formed a Pilot Committee for the conduct of Madras State Jamboree proposed to be held in December 1962. The Honorary State Secretary, Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, will be the Secretary to the Committee. The following members will serve on the Committee:

Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Srimathi D. L. Gopal Ratnam, Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Sri P. M. Dowlathram, Srimathi K. Sundaravadivelu, Kumari Maithreyi Ramadurai, Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Sri A. V. Jayachandran, Kumari G. R. Samuel, Sri M. Rajagopalan, Kumari C. John, Sri M. Ram Mohan, Sri R. Messiah Doss, Sri M. D. Janardhan, and Srimathi Rahmathunnissa Begum.

பறவையர் விளையாட்டு (தொடர்ச்சி)

புள் புள்களுக்காக தொகுக்கப்பட்ட விளையாட்டுகளிலிருந்து கீழே இன்னும் இரண்டு விளையாட்டுகளைத் தருகிறோம்.

3. சிப்பி பொறுக்குதல்

புள் புள்கள் அறையின் ஒரு கோடியில் நிற்க வேண்டும். அறையின் மற்றொரு கோடியில்தான் கடல். அங்கே சிப்பிகள் பரப்பப் பெற்றிருக்கும். தலைவியும் உபதலைவியும் இப்பக்கதிலிருப்பர்.

'பொறுக்கலாம்' எனக் கூறியதும் புள் புள்கள் கடற்கரைக்குச் சென்று சிப்பிகளை ஒவ்வொன்றாய் பொருக்குதல் வேண்டும். அப்பொழுது தலைவி 'அலைகள் வருகின்றன அலைகள் வருகின்றன' என்று கூறுவாள். 'அலைகள் வந்து விட்டன' எனக் கூறியதும் புள் புள்கள் தம் இருப்பிடத்திற்கு ஓடவேண்டும். தலைவியும் உபதலைவியும் சேர்ந்து அவர்களை பிடிப்பர். பிடிப்பட்டவர்கள் தலைவியுடன் சேர்ந்து கடலாக மாறுவர். ஆயினும்—தாங்கள் சேகரித்த சிப்பிகளைத் தாமே வைத்துக் கொள்வர். எல்லோரும் பிடிபட்ட பின்னரோ அல்லது ஆட்ட முடிவிலோ ஆறுமிகள் தத்தம் சிப்பிகளை எண்ணுவர். அதிகம் சேகரித்த அறுவையே வெற்றி பெற்றதாகும்.

4. இரயில் வண்டி

ஒவ்வொருவரும் குறிக்கப்பட்ட இடத்திலே வட்டமாய் நிற்பர். உபதலைவி வட்டத்தைச் சுற்றி ஓடி வருவாள். ஓடி வருகையில் தனக்கு விருப்பமான புள் புள்ளைத் தட்டிச் செல்வாள். அப்படித் தட்டப்பட்டவள் உபதலைவியின் இடுப்பைப் பற்றிக் கொண்டு ஓடவேண்டும். ஓடுகையிலே மற்றொரு புள் புள்ளைத் தட்ட அவளும் இரயிலுடன் சேர்ந்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டும். இவ்வாறு இரயில் நீண்டுச் செல்லும். தலைவி ஒருமுறை கை தட்டினால் இரயில் பிரிந்து வட்டத்தில் குறிக்கப்பட்ட இடத்திற்குச் சென்று நிற்க வேண்டும். அப்போது இடமில்லாது நிற்கும் புள் புள் என்ஜின் டிரைவராக மாறுவாள். ஆட்டம் மறுபடியும் தொடங்கும். தலைவி பலமுறை கை தட்டினால் வட்டத்திலுள்ள அனைவரும் இரயிலும் பிரிந்து இடம் மாறுதல் வேண்டும்.

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